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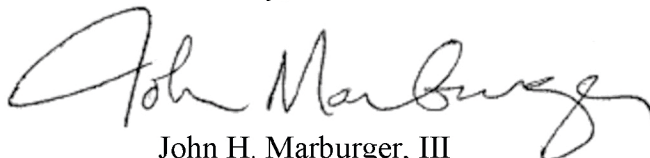
I am pleased to forward with this letter the annual report on the interagency Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. This Supplement to the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 describes activities funded by Federal NITRD agencies in advanced networking, high-end computing and information technologies. Innovations in science and technology derived from NITRD investments contribute substantially to strengthening the Nation's economy. Cyber security and information assurance research and development in the NITRD Program are enhancing the future security of the Nation's information infrastructure.

The President's 2007 Budget provides an increase of eight percent for the NITRD Program as a whole, recognizing the important contribution of information technology research and development to the Nation's competitiveness. I am particularly pleased to be able to draw attention to the effect that the President's American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) has had on the NITRD Program. The 2007 Budget proposes an increase for NITRD-related funding within the three agencies highlighted in the ACI (the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy's Office of Science, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology) of 17 percent over 2006 levels.

Tools and capabilities that result from NITRD investments propel advances in nearly every area of science and technology, and enhance the Nation's competitiveness. Agencies participating in the NITRD Program actively coordinate both the planning and execution of their research programs, avoiding duplication and making these programs more productive. This Budget Supplement provides details of such interagency coordination for the NITRD Program.

I am pleased to provide you with this timely report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Marburger, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent.

John H. Marburger, III
Director